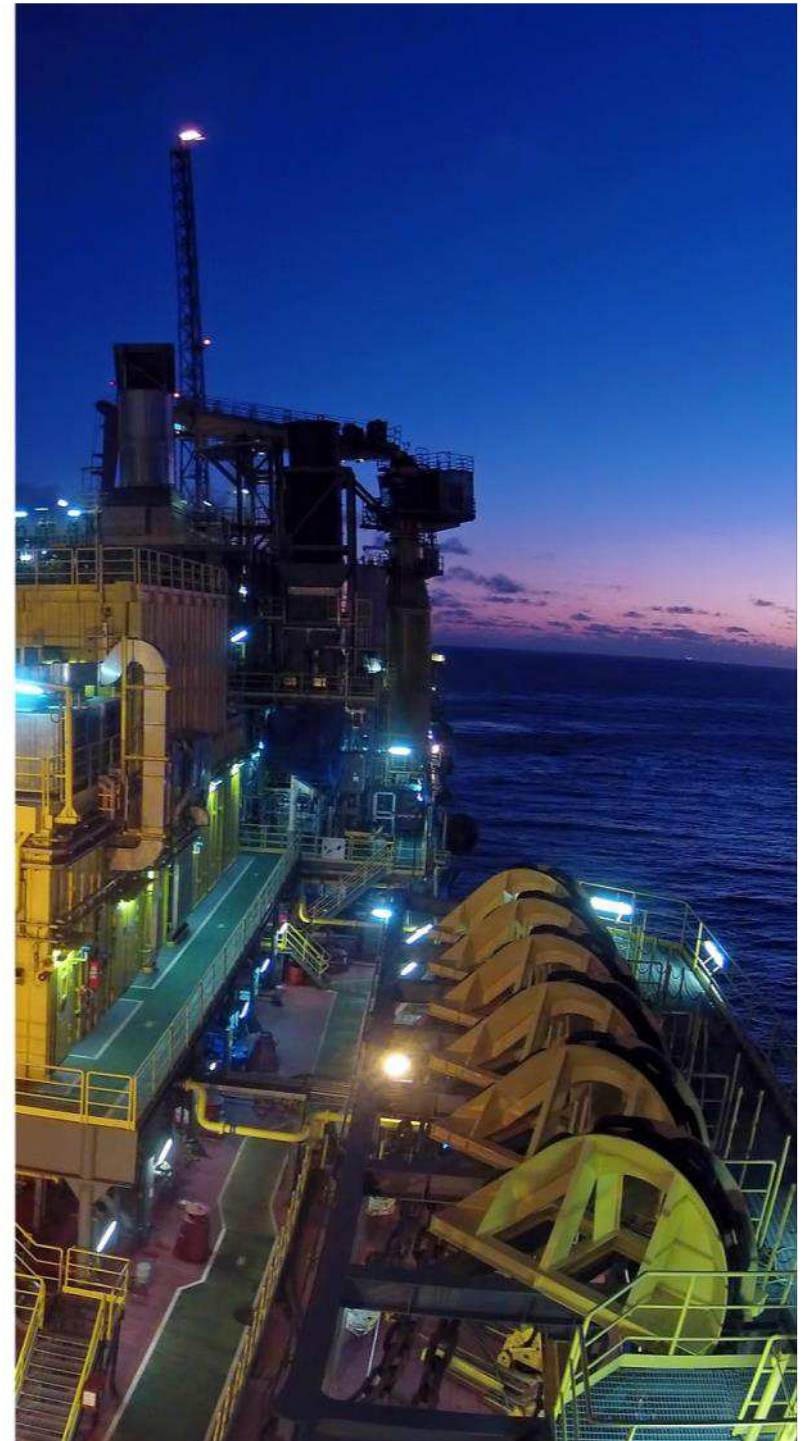




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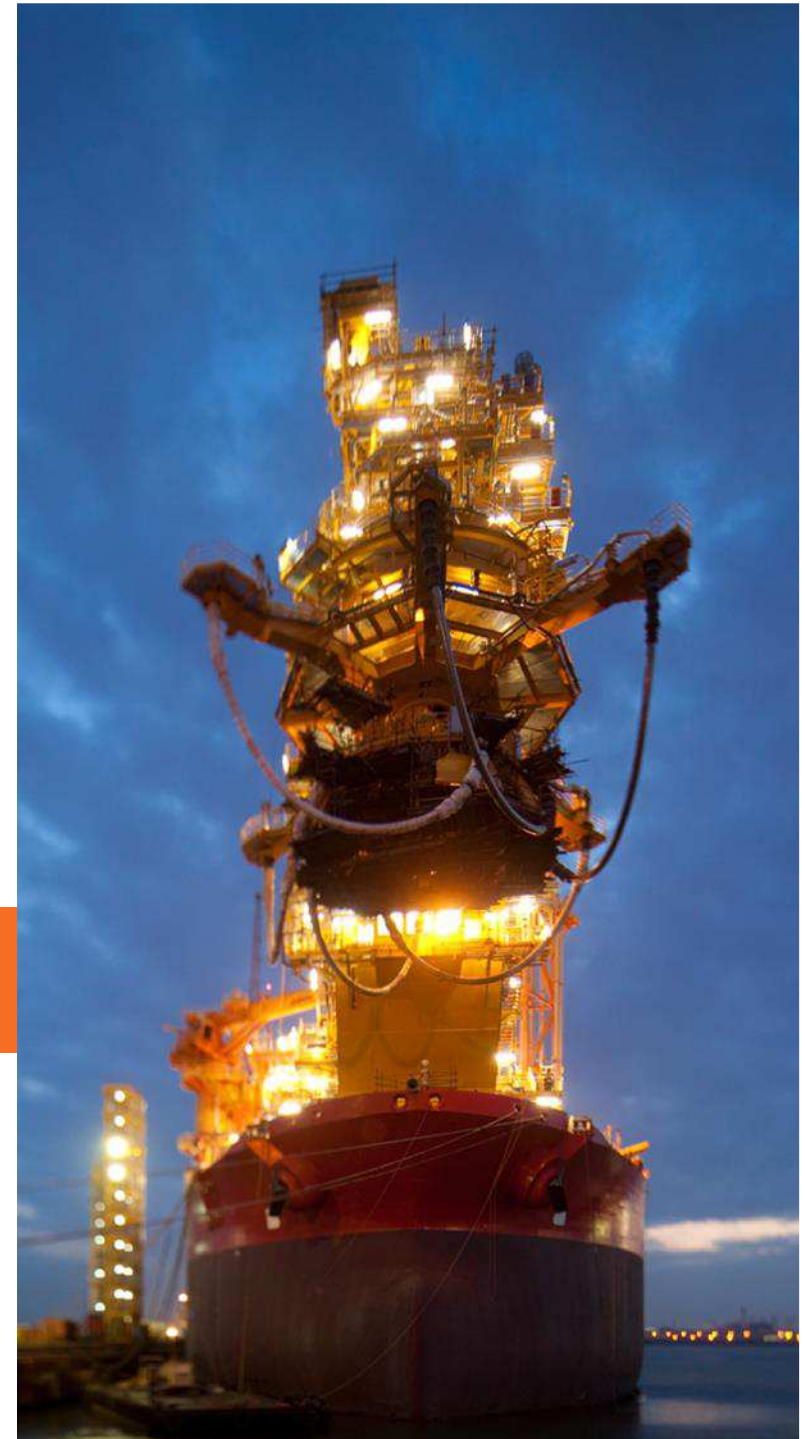
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## **Novel Wave Energy Converter: Promising Future**

**18 February 2016**

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## Novel Wave Energy Converter Agenda

1. General introduction to SBM Offshore
2. General introduction to Renewable Energy
3. Wave Energy: an immense and untapped resource
4. State-of-the-art of Wave Energy Converters (WECs)
5. SBM S3 WEC: a change in paradigm

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1. Introduction to Electroactive Polymers
  2. Application of EAP to S3 WEC
  3. Ongoing development activities
  4. Test facilities

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- Q&A



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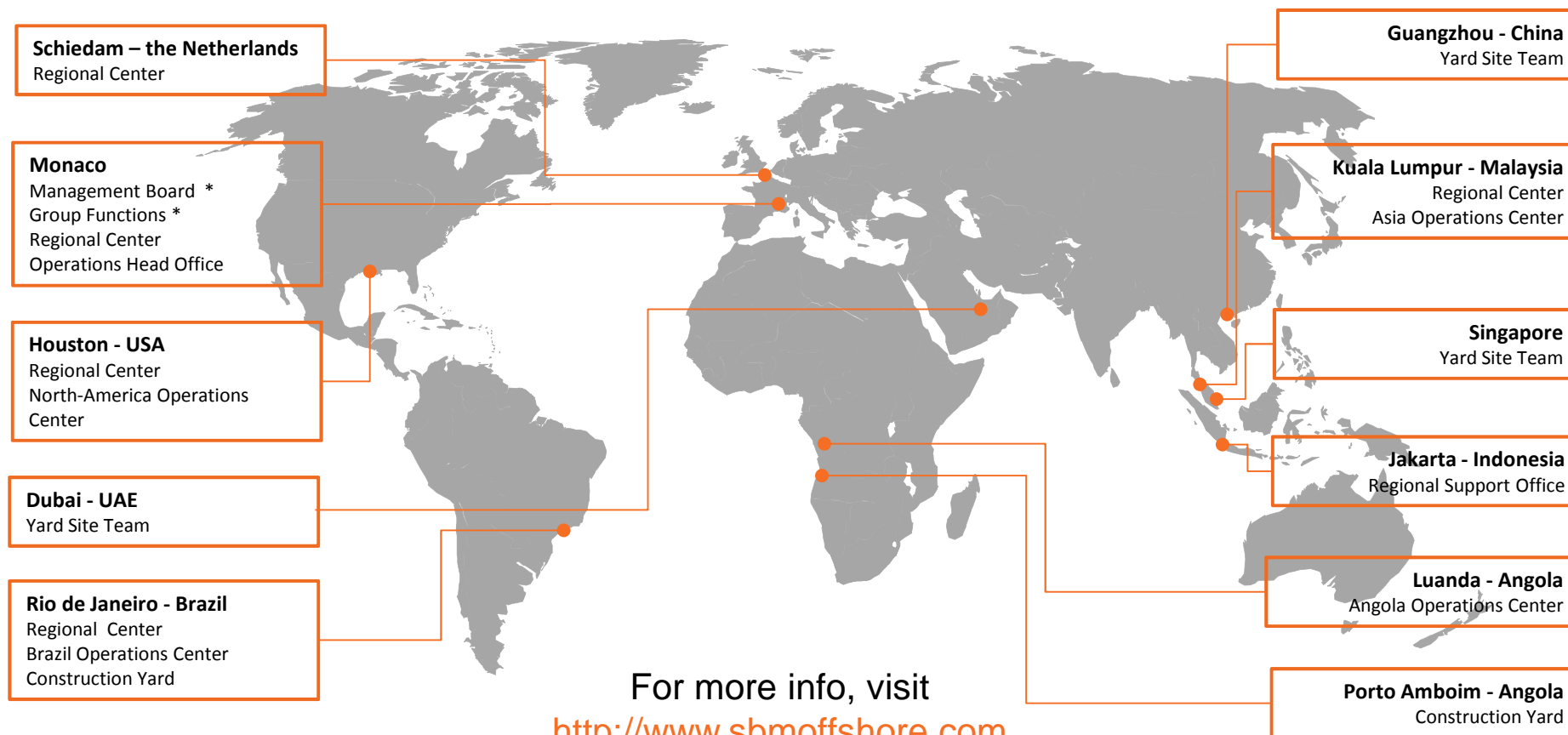
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Not shown: 10 shore bases



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## TECHNOLOGY

## PROJECT EXECUTION

## OPERATIONS

## FINANCE & LEASE

### Focus on top-end segment

- FPSOs
- Turret Moorings
- Turnkey Sale or Lease & Operate



### Enlarging the envelope

- Floating LNG (FLNG)
- Semisubmersible & TLP production units
- Marine Renewables (MC, since 2006)

Leader in Floaters & Mooring systems



Over 500 offloading terminal supplied



Over 50 mooring systems supplied



> 250 years cumulated experience



19 leased units operated by SBM



\$ 3.4B turnover in 2014



### SBM Vision

To be the trusted partner of choice in the development of complete offshore floating solutions for the world's energy companies



# Renewable Energy

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## Introduction



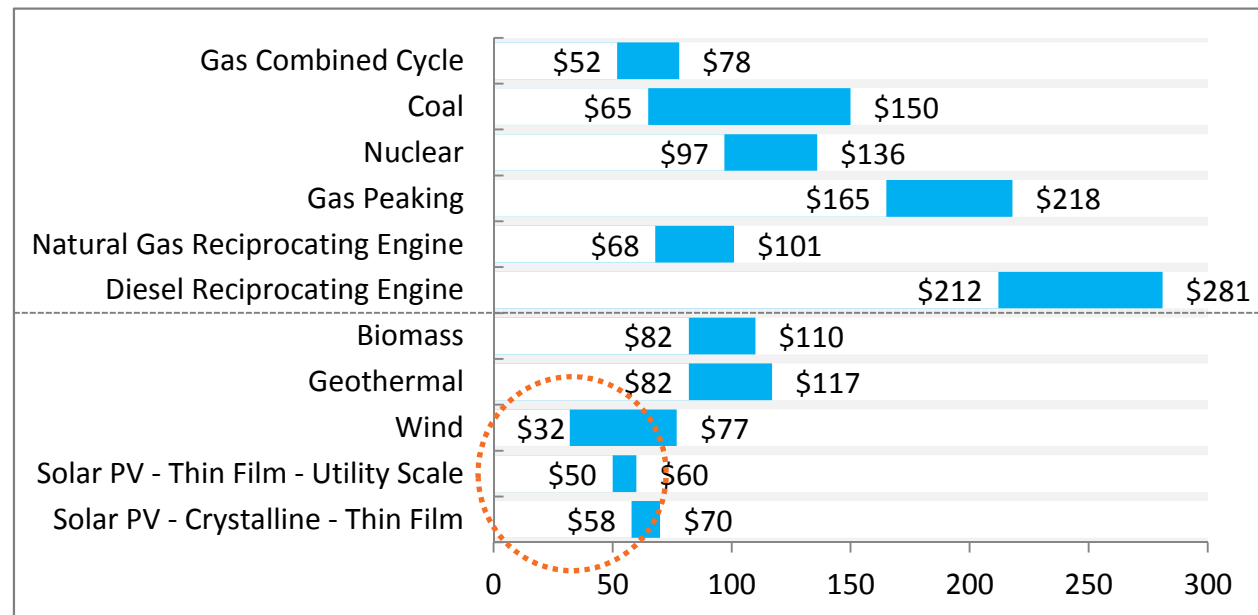
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## Are Renewable Energies credible energy sources?

- December 2014: Scotland Wind Energy alone provided 164% of the country electricity demand
- In 2015 \$329 Bn CAPEX were invested in Renewable Energy worldwide
- LCOE of solar PV divided by 6 in 6 years (divided by 50 in 30 years)
- Today, Wind and Solar are the cheapest energies on the Planet

**YES!**



LCOE of various energy sources

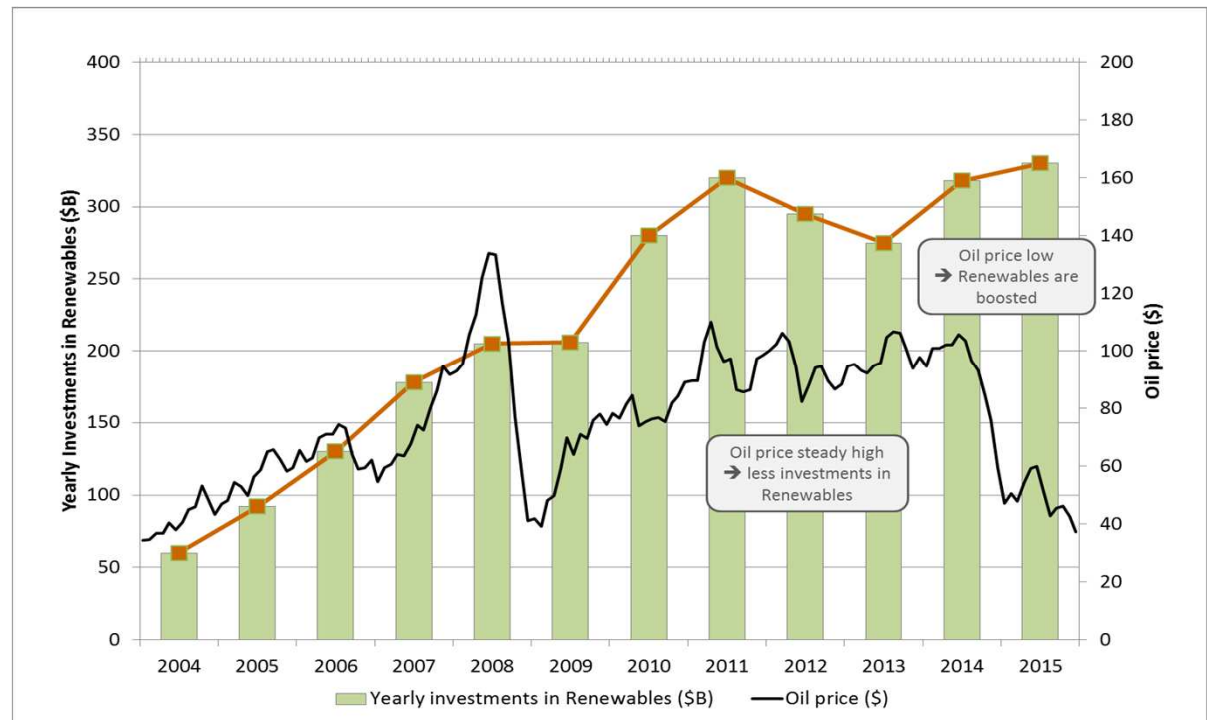
Source: Lazard 2015





## Renewables market has been proven to be resilient to oil price so far Renewables and O&G do not really compete

- The continued development of renewable energies has become inevitable due to:
  - Enhanced social acceptance
  - Strong political support
  - Competitiveness with traditional energy sources
  - Localization
  - Massive resource
- COP 21 in Paris has strengthened the commitments towards Renewables



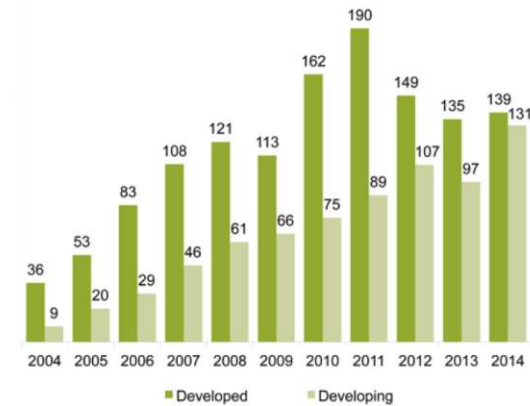
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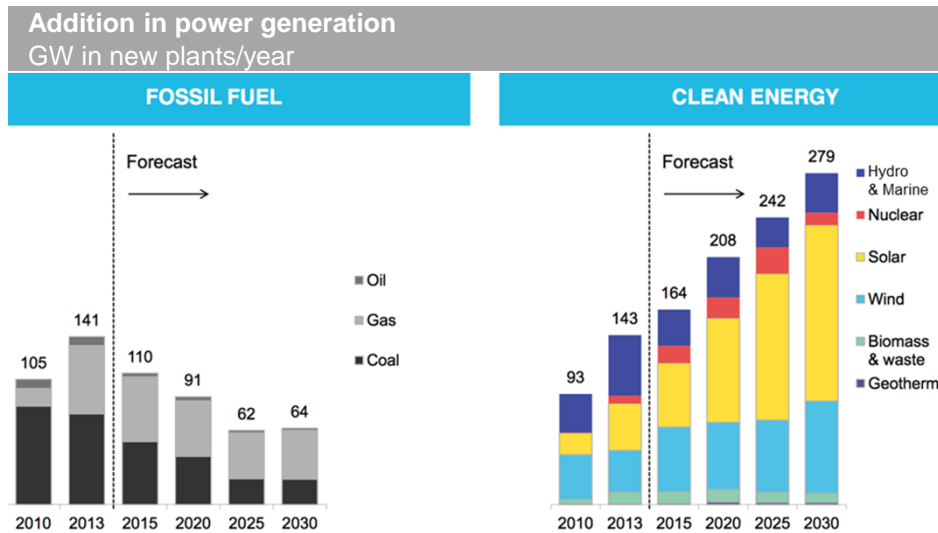


- **The oil price is low, yet investments in Renewables have never been higher**
  - In 2013, Renewables provided > 50% of all new power plants capacity
  - Developing countries are the largest growth market for Renewables despite low oil price
  - Scotland targets 100% of energy consumption from Renewables in 2020
- Penetration of Renewables is intimately linked to the development of **smart-grid and/or energy storage solutions**
- Solar and Wind are currently reaching grid parity worldwide

FIGURE 4. GLOBAL NEW INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY: DEVELOPED V DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 2004-2014, \$BN



Source: Bloomberg 2015

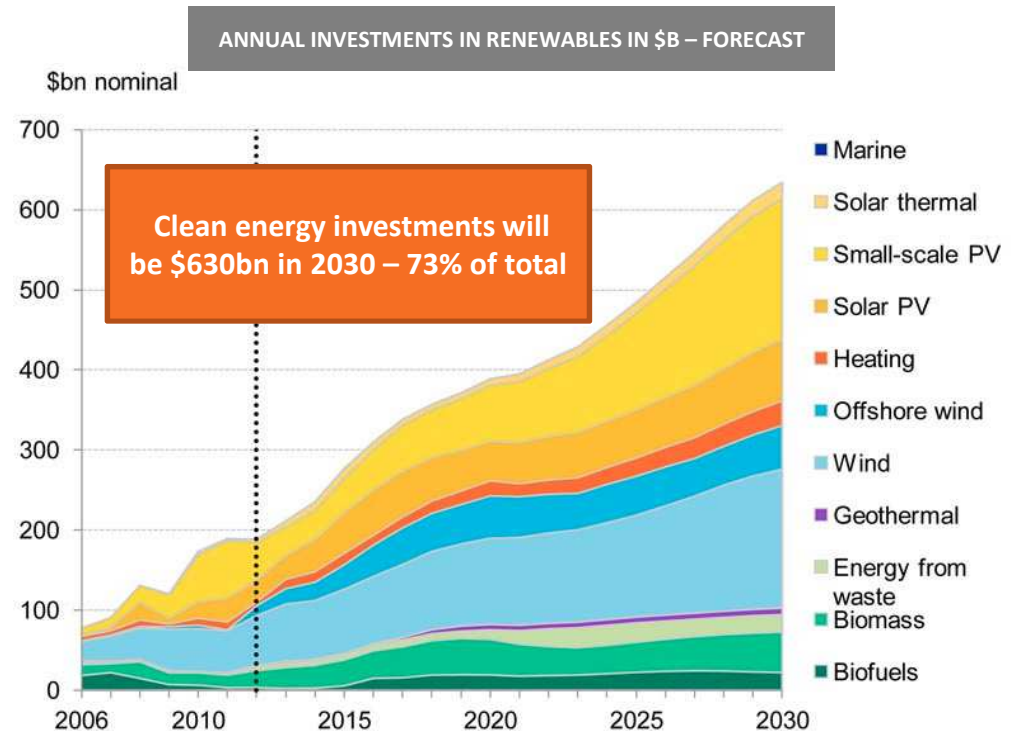


Source: Bloomberg 2015



# Renewable Energy Market

- Renewables market is driven by the LCOE (Levelized Cost of Electricity)
- Renewables are generally less mature than conventional energy sources, and still have a strong potential for further LCOE reduction
- **Over \$8 trillion** is forecast to be invested in Renewables **over the next 25 years**, being more than twice the investment in coal, oil and gas combined on the same period

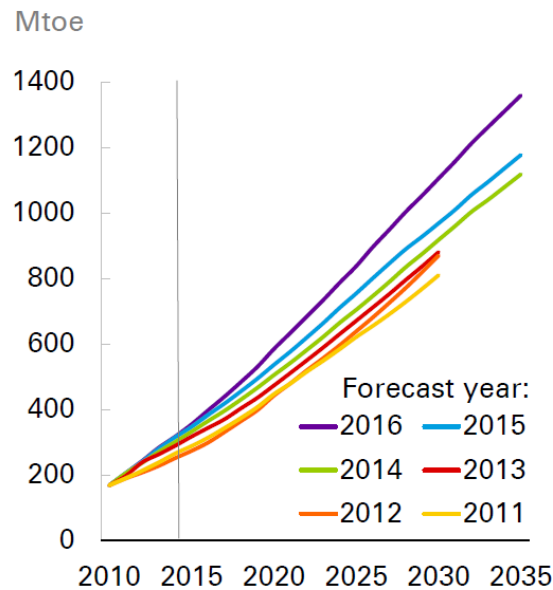


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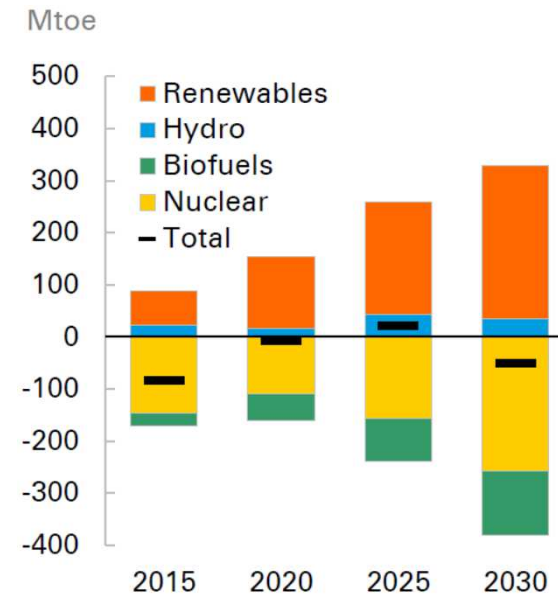
- Renewables have been revised up repeatedly...

RENEWABLE POWER FORECASTS



Source: BP Energy Outlook 2016

REVISIONS TO NON-FOSSIL FUELS VS 2011 OUTLOOK

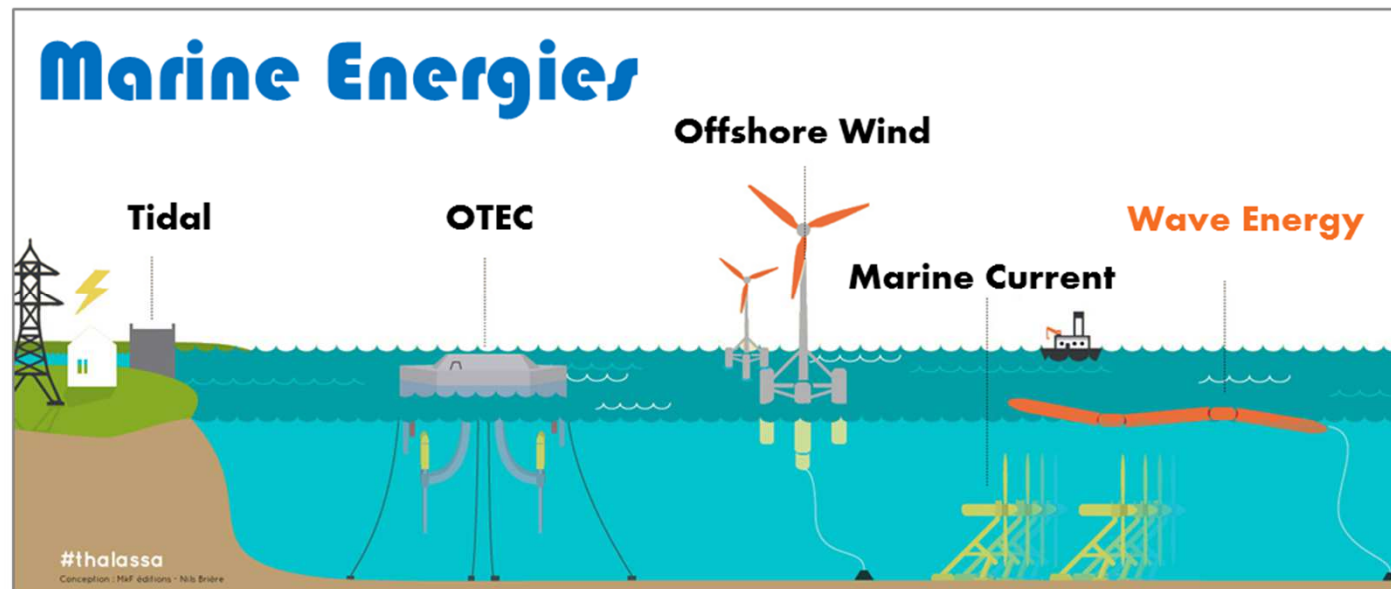


Source: BP Energy Outlook 2016

- ... while fossil fuels have been revised down



- Renewable energy is currently moving offshore
  - Offshore wind market in 2015 > \$15Bn
  - New energy sources available:



Source: France 3 website

- This creates opportunities for offshore contractors as these projects require strong offshore experience



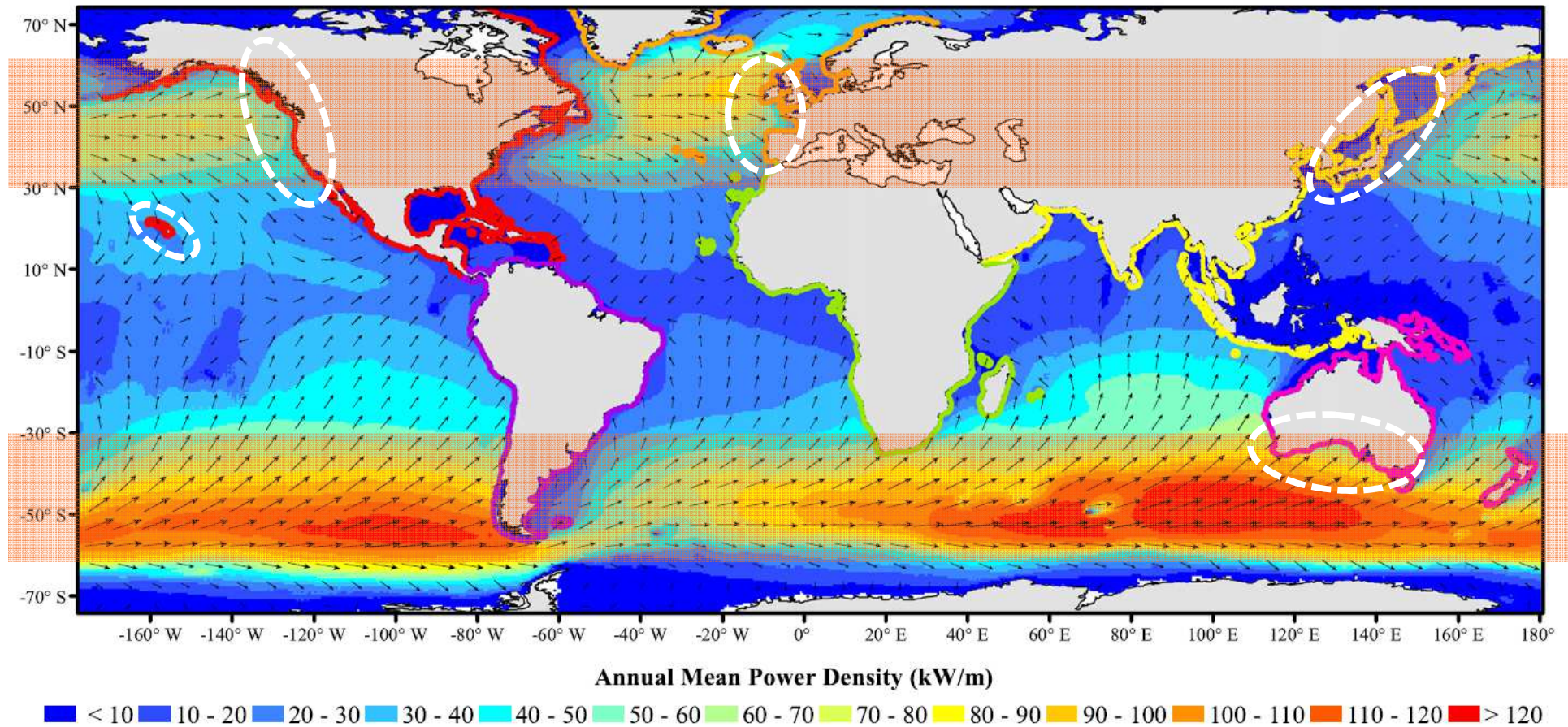
# Wave Energy

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**An immense and untapped resource**



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Source: Gunn et al. 2012

- West coasts (US / Europe / JP): good resource, strong political drive towards renewables
- Island markets: islands pay premium price for energy → need for local energy production



- Wave energy alone can provide **2.11 TW** of average power around the globe (source Gunn et al. 2012)
  - ✓ This is approximately the total planet electricity consumption
  
- UN: **50%** of the world's population lives **within 60 km of the sea**
  - Natural match between the energy localization and its final consumption
  
- Wave energy is an **immense and untapped resource**
  - Attempts to harness wave energy have suffered from a lack of offshore expertise





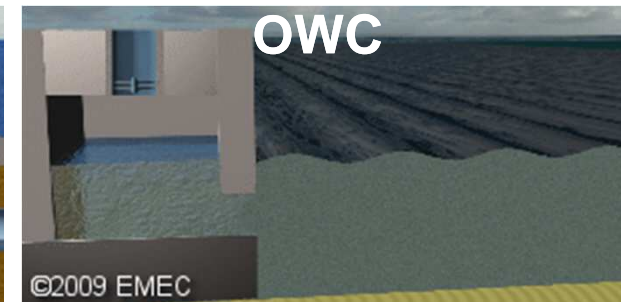
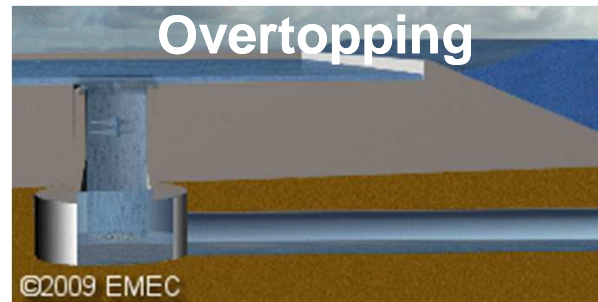
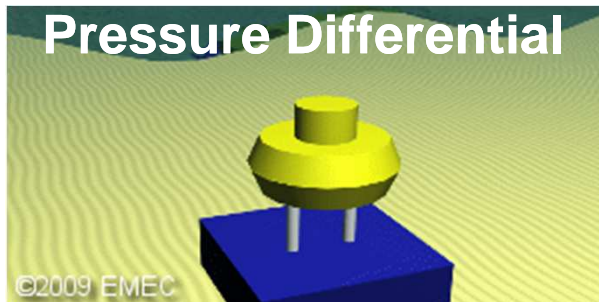
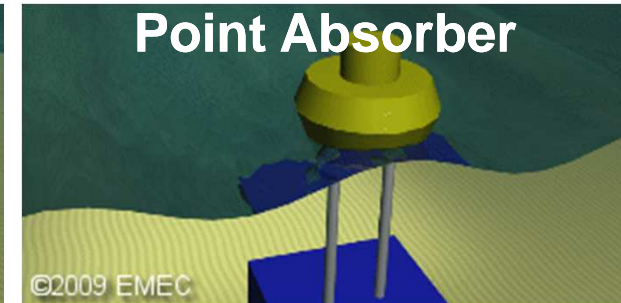
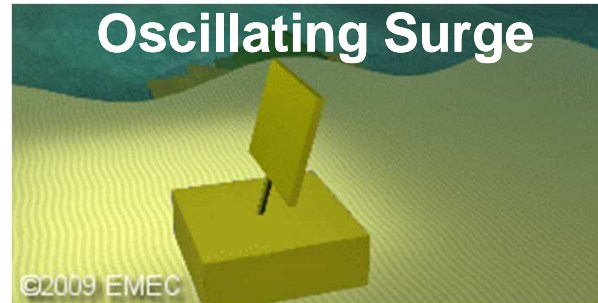
# Wave Energy

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## State of the art and Generation 1 devices



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## Rigid systems are inherently limited

- ✘ High structural costs
- ✘ Load path concentration on Power Take-Off elements
- ✘ Mechanical Power Take-Off → costly O&M
- ✘ Optimized for 1 wave period

**TRUE FOR ALL  
CONVENTIONAL  
SYSTEMS**



# SBM S3 WEC

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## A Paradigm shift



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### Conventional (rigid) systems are inherently limited

- ✘ High structural costs
- ✘ Energy / stress concentration on Power Take-Off elements
- ✘ Mechanical Power Take-Off → costly O&M
- ✘ Narrow & fixed absorption bandwidth

Generation 1



### Breakthrough technology required

- ☐ Merged power conversion function and hull structure
- ☐ No complex mechanical parts
- ☐ No routine maintenance
- ☐ Flexible and silent
- ☐ Large absorption bandwidth

Generation 2



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## SBM S3 WEC – A Paradigm shift

### SBM S3 CONCEPT:

Fully flexible tube filled with water, closed at both ends

→ Multimodal response (standing waves)

Energy conversion system = Electro-Active Polymers (EAP)

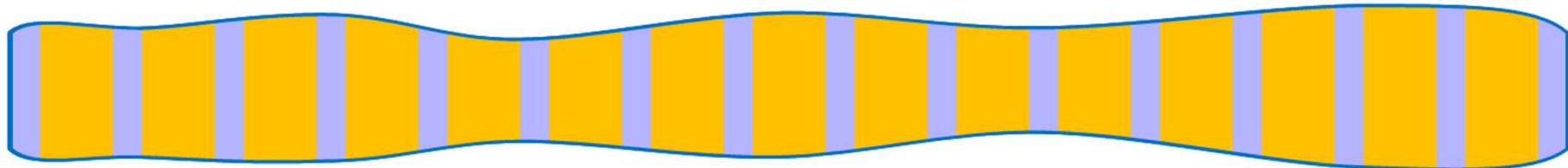
EAP-based PTO embedded in the structure

Energy converted DIRECTLY from waves to electricity

Distributed power generation

EAP = roll-to-roll process

S3 test campaign, ACRI IN, 2010

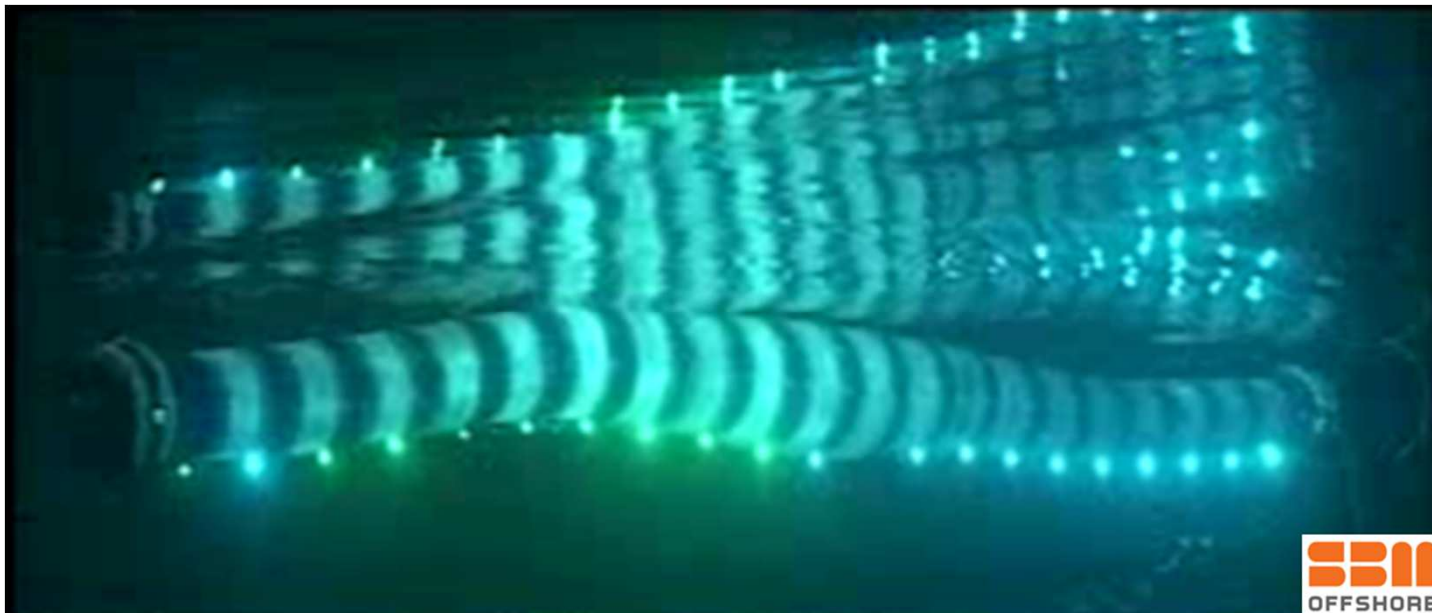


 EAP Generator



## SBM S3 WEC – A Paradigm shift

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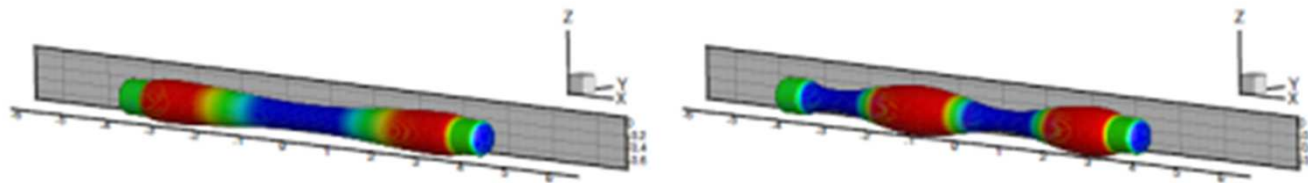


S3 test campaign, ECN, 2011



## SBM S3 WEC – A Paradigm shift Wave-To-Wire model

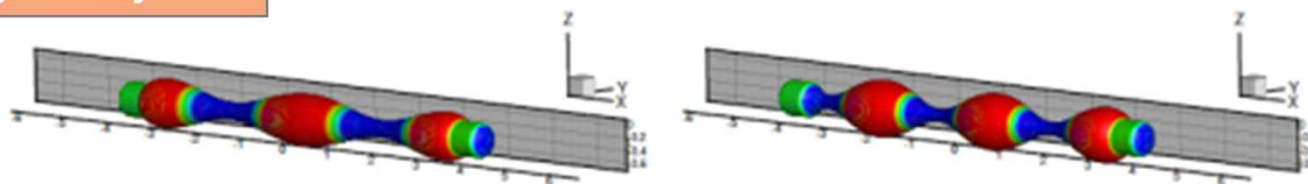
- SBM developed a fully coupled numerical model of its S3 WEC that integrates realistic excitations and interactions from the wave excitation to the power generation
- Fundamental response modes used to project forces and motions
- ➔ CPU-friendly calculations thanks to the modal decomposition
- ➔ Time domain model also uses the modal decomposition while being fully coupled



Modes localization  
selected by adjusting the  
tube geometry



Modal approach





# SBM S3 WEC – A Paradigm shift

Continuously deformable



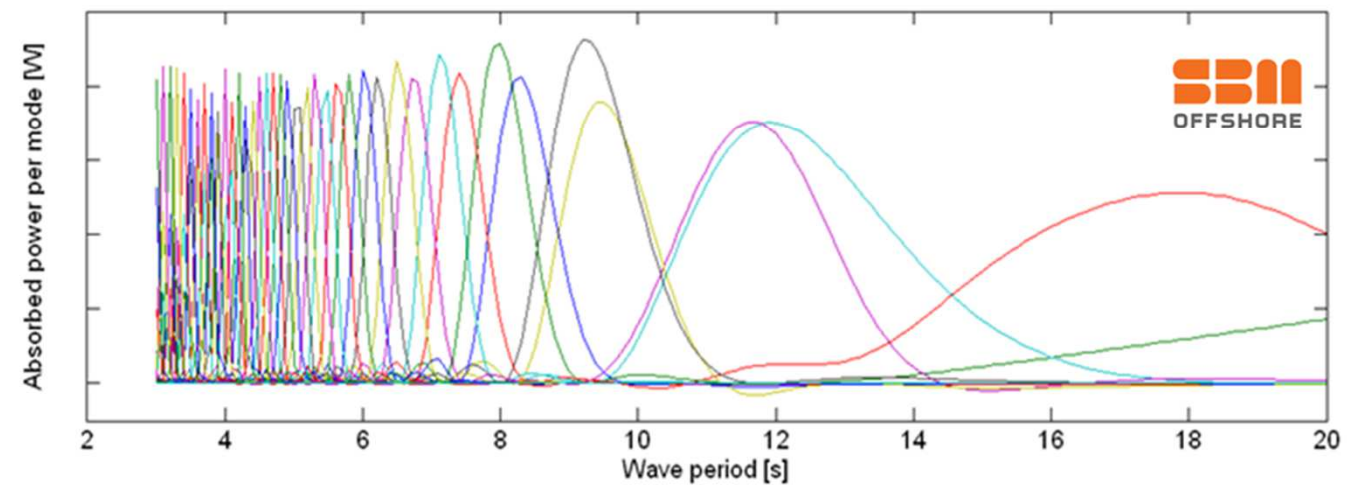
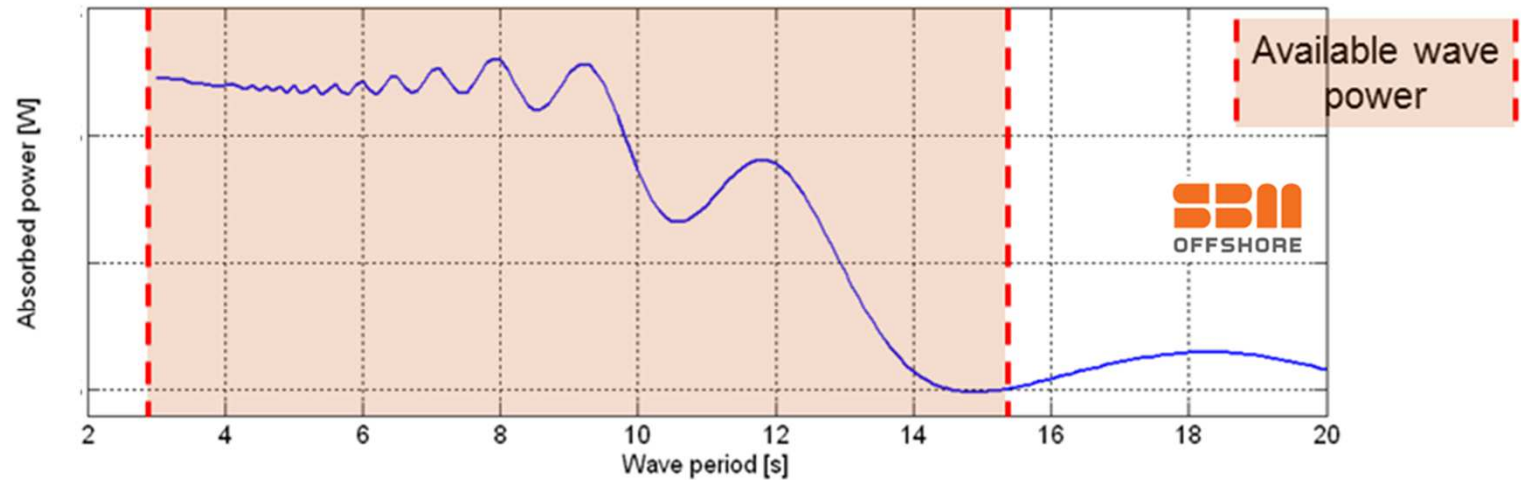
Infinite number of degrees of freedom



Infinite number of response modes



Higher capture efficiency







# EAP

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## Introduction



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# ELECTROACTIVE POLYMERS

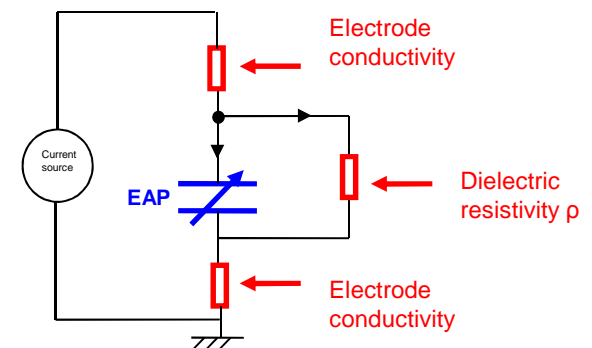
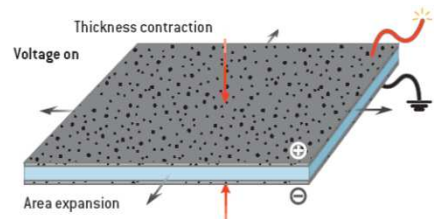
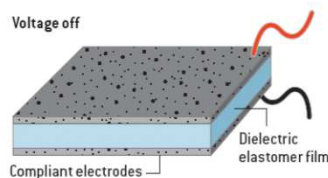
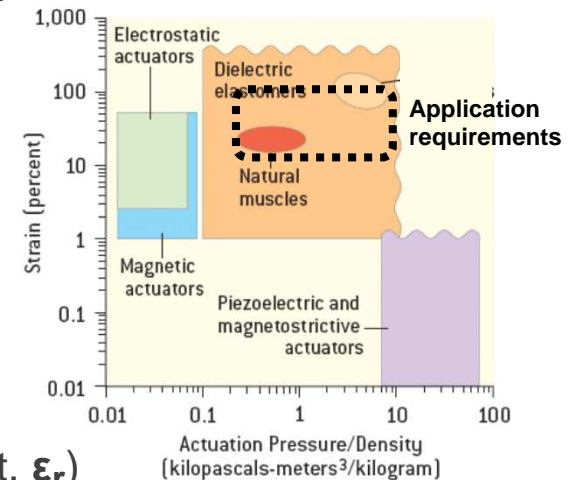
## What is an electroactive polymer?

### ■ EAP films are **electrostatic energy transducers**

- Able to convert mechanical energy into electric energy
- Passive materials
- Soft and stretchable
- High energy density

### ■ Good EAP = good capacitor

- Ability to handle high electric field stress (high Dielectric Breakdown Strength, **DBS**)
- Ability to accumulate charges (high dielectric constant,  $\epsilon_r$ )
- Ability to keep charges (high resistivity,  $\rho$ )
- Ability to be deformed (**compliant** electrodes, low elastic modulus **Y**)





# ELECTROACTIVE POLYMERS

## Advantages and applications

### ■ Main advantages:

- Monolithic structures
- Soft and flexible
- Biocompatible
- Actuation, generation, sensing: seamlessly and simultaneously

Robotics

Biomedical

Automotive

Entertainment

Drives & Controls



Artificial muscles &  
(bio-mimetic) robotics



StretchSense  
flexible sensors



Active Vibration Damping



# EAP

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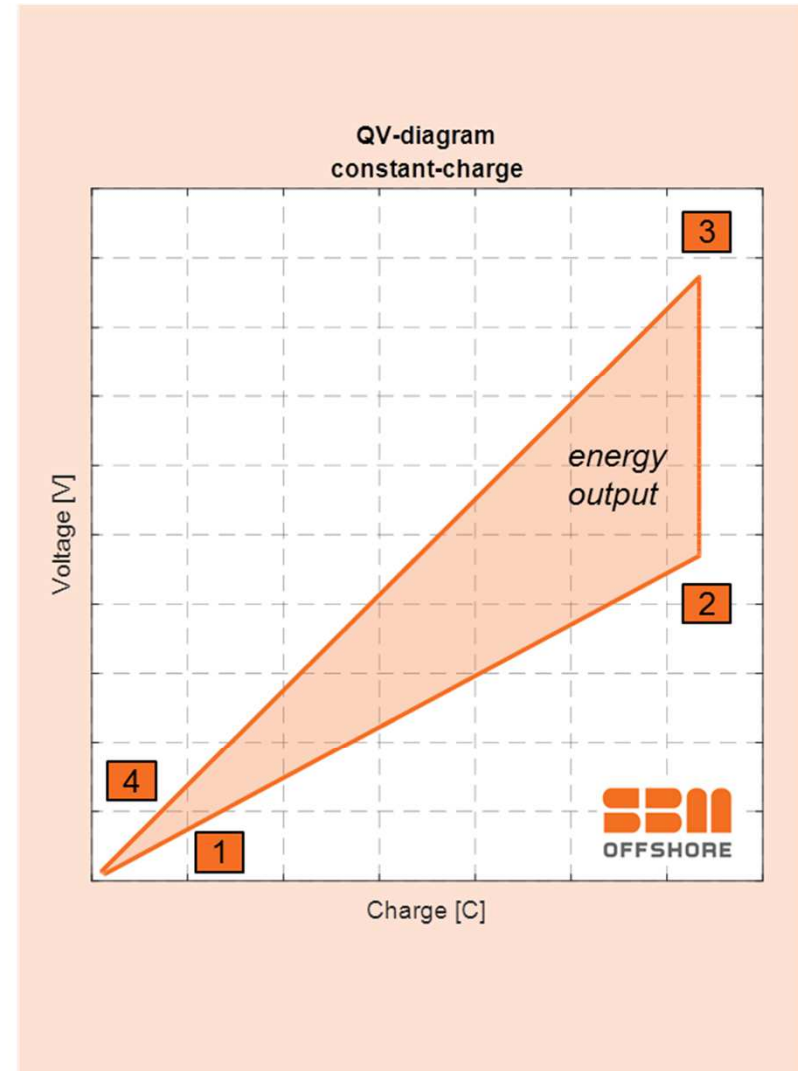
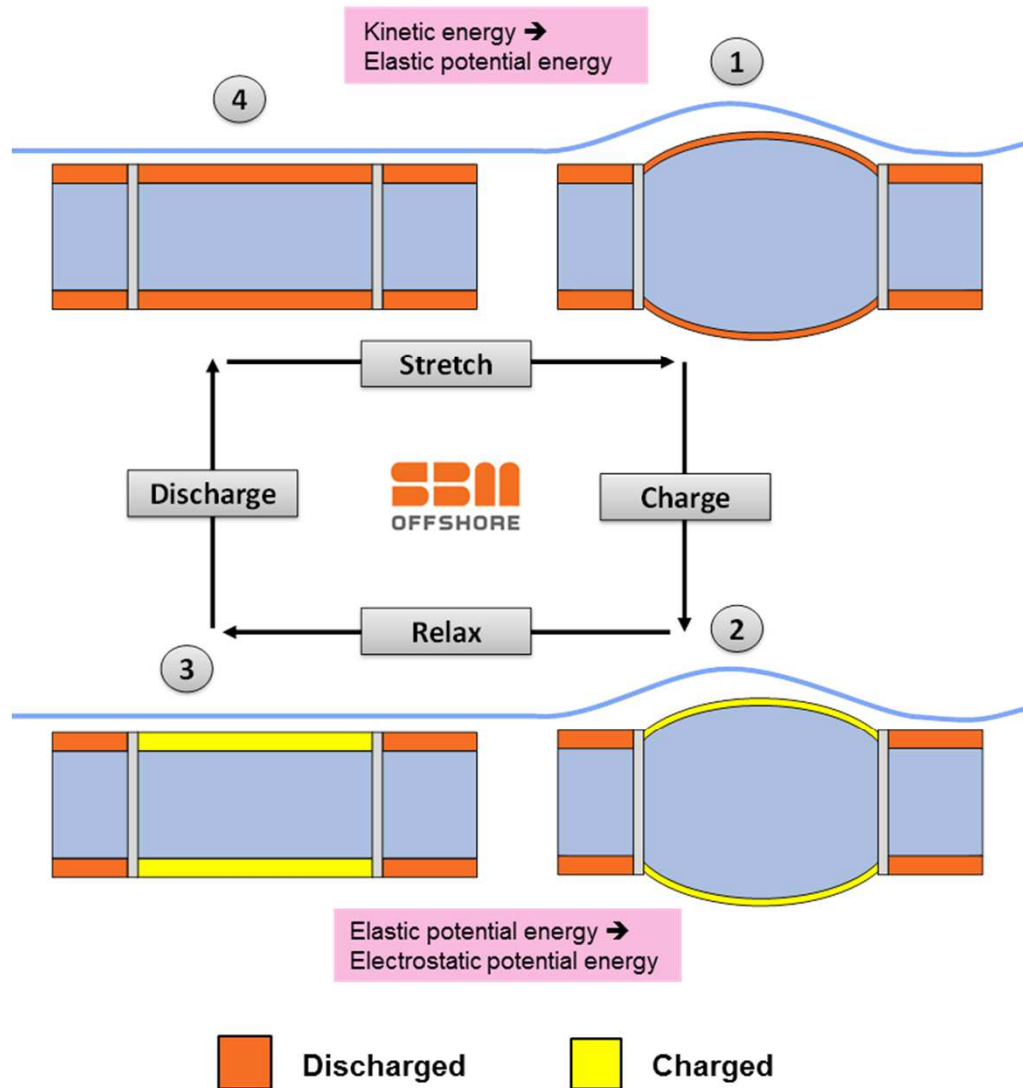
## Application to S3



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# ELECTROACTIVE POLYMERS Application to S3 WEC



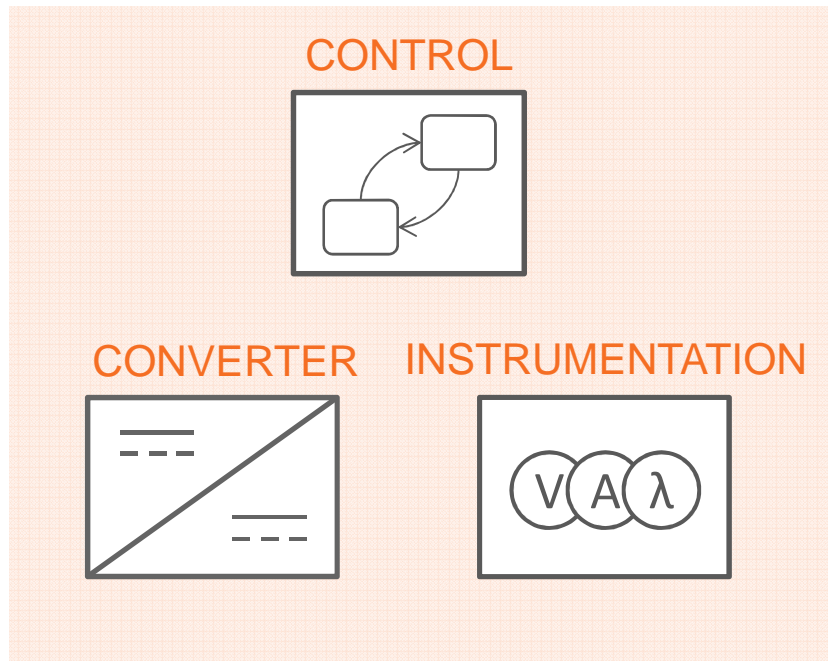


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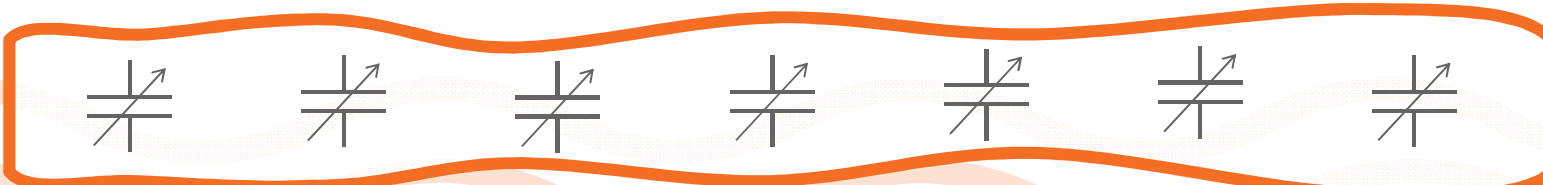
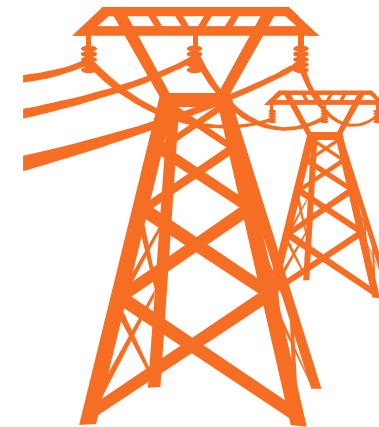
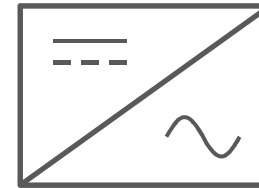
# ELECTROACTIVE POLYMERS

## Harvesting system for the S3 WEC

### S3 Harvesting System



### GRID INTERFACE





# R&D

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## Ongoing developments

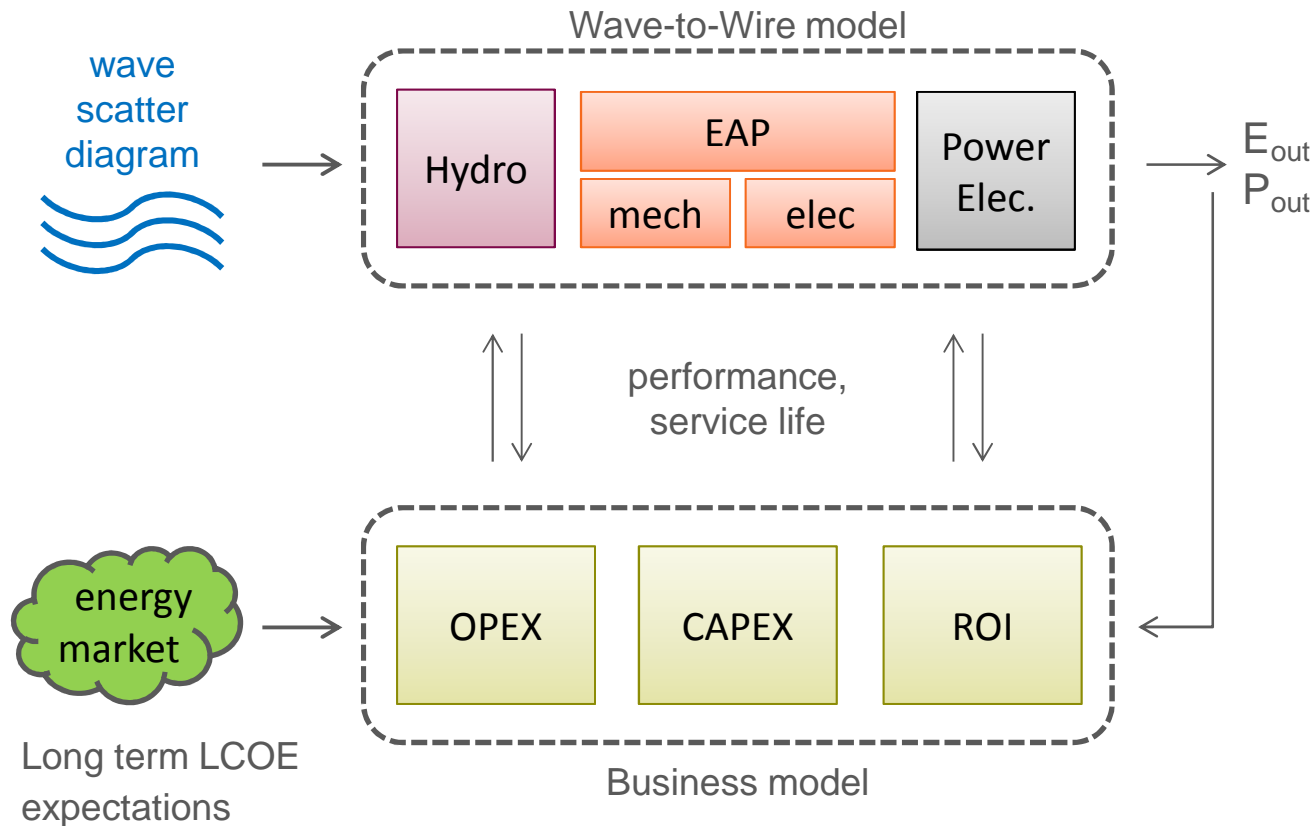


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# ONGOING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

## Main areas of development



- Business case drives main areas of development:
  - Hydrodynamics
  - EAP material
  - PTO technology
- Validation with several test campaigns and test benches

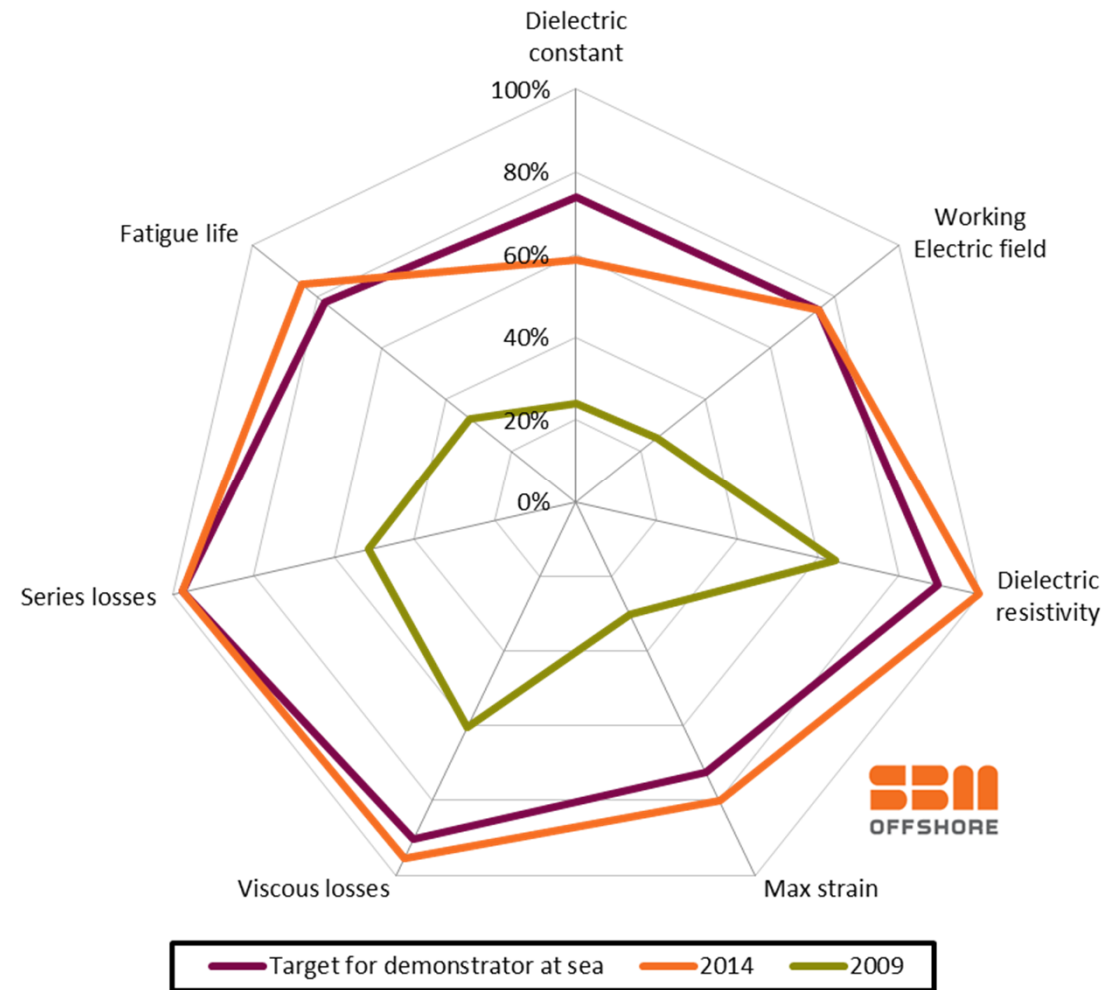


Working towards small scale prototype





- Development of EAP material specific to WEC in collaboration with first-class universities
  - Energy density
  - Strain
  - Lifetime
  - Losses
- SBM has built a network of expert companies to develop and manufacture high performance EAP film



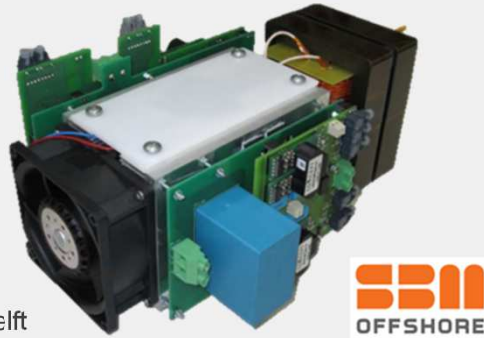


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# ONGOING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT Power Electronic Converters

## Dedicated Converter per EAP generator

- High electric fields: high voltages
- Large power flows: ultra high efficiency needed
- Since 2009, SBM and TU Delft have progressively developed converters with efficiencies >98%
- Input Parallel, Output Series converter
  - Modular concept with Dual Active Bridges
  - Standard IGBT switches: 97.2%
  - Novel SiC switches: 98.5%



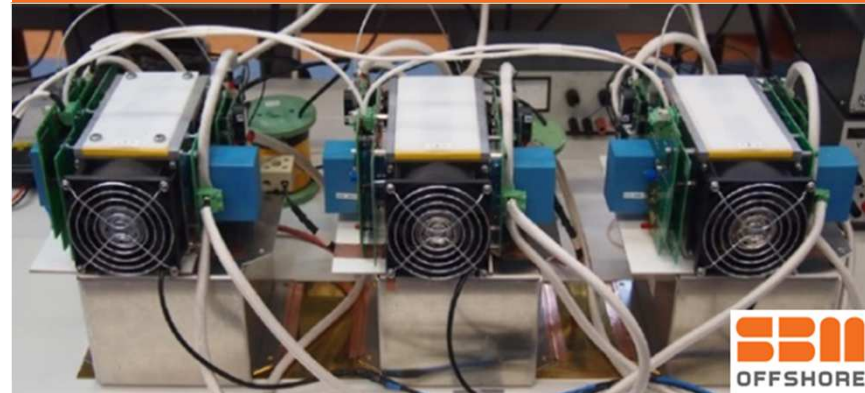
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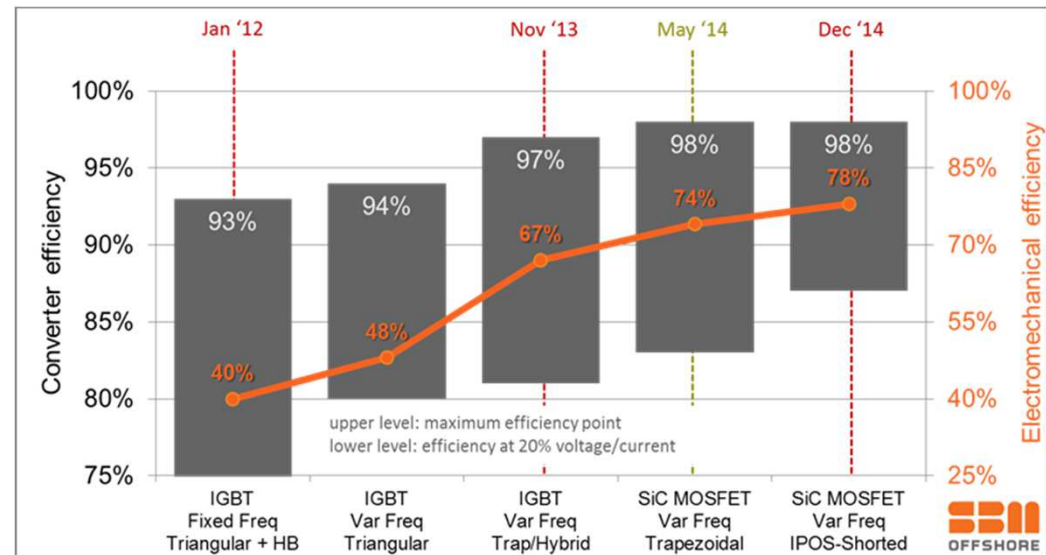
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## Tests in Power Electronics Lab TU Delft, 2015



- 2.4kV
- 12kW
- >97%





# R&D

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## Test facilities

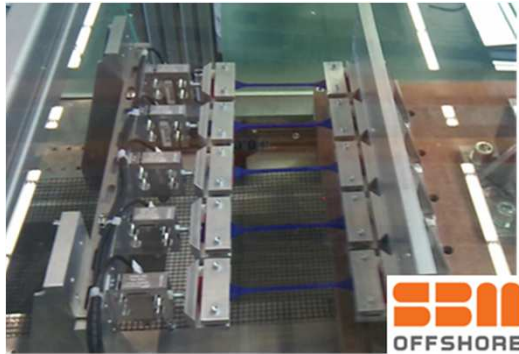


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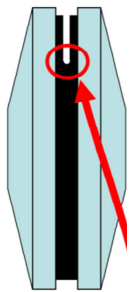
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## Test and qualification facilities

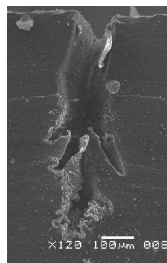


### Standard mechanical and electrical testing

- Stress-Strain
- Mechanical fatigue
- Electrical ageing
- Crack growth analysis



Courtesy of Will Mars, Endurica

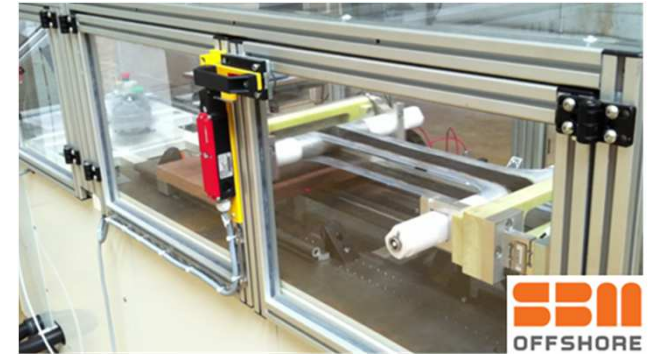


Courtesy of Ecole Centrale de Nantes



### Large Power energy harvesting rig

- Energy output up to 1 kW
- Film quantity up to 1000 m
- Voltage up to 10 kV
- Film or ring shape
  
- Passive & Active PTO technologies
  
- High precision and high frequency acquisition
  
- ➔ Energy harvesting validation
- ➔ Ring design validation
- ➔ Power electronics validation



### Coupled electro-mechanical fatigue

- Frequency up to 2.5Hz
- Voltage up to 12 kV
- Film or ring shape
  
- Real operating cycles (combined mechanical + electrical)
  
- Health monitoring
  
- ➔ Lifetime estimation
- ➔ Ring design validation (long term)



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# Gen 2 devices: the way to reduce LCOE

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Procurement & Construction

Installation

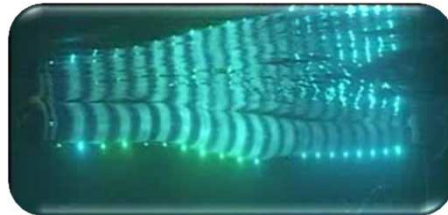
Operations & Maintenance



**Rigid Structure & inappropriate PTO**



Fatigue Friendly structure  
Frequency indep. distrib. PTO  
Large absorption bandwidth



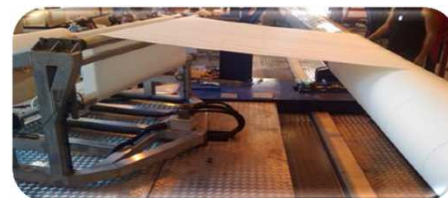
**Reduced CAPEX & Improved efficiency**



**Extensive Construction**



**Industrial Roll to Roll**



**True Ramp up to commercialization**



**Heavy lift & Installation**



**Easier load out & Installation**



**Reduced Cost of Installation**



**Periodic maintenance**



**Run Until Failure**



**Reduced OPEX**

**Lower Cost Of Electricity**



## SBM S3 WEC – A Paradigm Shift

- First milestones passed:
  - Proof of concept (direct power gen with EAP in water demonstrated + Wave2Wire model developed and validated)
  - Large scale power electronics topology developed
  - EAP control algorithms developed
  - Generator ring design validated
  - EAP performance and large scale manufacturing
  - Comprehensive business model
  
- Next step: scaled prototype at sea
  
- Developments up to full technical and commercial maturity will require significant investment.  
Partners will be sought to participate



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